

January 18, 2005

Pamela B. Katz, PE
Chairman
Connecticut Siting Council
10 Franklin Square
New Britain, CT 06051

Re: Docket No. 272

Dear Chairman Katz:

On behalf of the Towns of Durham and Wallingford (“Towns”), this letter responds to the Council’s request for “a list of additional studies pertaining to the [ROC Report] that describes what additional studies [Parties and Intervenors] intend to undertake (which would be in addition to and unrelated to such studies that will be undertaken by KEMA) and the time needed to conduct such studies.”¹

The Towns have consistently requested that the Council direct KEMA, as the entity best suited and with the proper resources, to perform the studies necessary for a complete record in this proceeding. In a letter to the Council dated December 22, 2004, the Towns requested that the Council “direct KEMA to include in *its* additional studies, the feasibility of undergrounding segments of the facilities proposed in this proceeding within the Towns of Durham and Wallingford.” (Emphasis supplied). In a further letter to the Council dated January 10, 2005, the Towns requested that the Council direct KEMA to perform studies to evaluate and mitigate transients and harmonics concerns identified in the [ROC Report], so as to enable the Council to consider a configuration that includes undergrounding within the Towns. That letter also requested that the Council direct KEMA to study load flows related to that configuration. Finally, that letter requested that the Council determine from KEMA the amount of time needed to perform those studies.

The Towns hereby reiterate their request to the Council that KEMA be directed to perform the aforesaid studies. Conn. Gen. Stat. § 16-50n(e) provides that the Council “shall direct [its] consultant. . .to study any matter that the Council deems important to an adequate appraisal of [an] application.” There is no more important

1/ See, memorandum dated January 12, 2005 from S. Derek Phelps to Docket 272 Parties and Intervenors.

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matter in this proceeding than determining the maximum feasible amount of undergrounding, so that such undergrounding could be made available to the Towns.

Very truly yours,

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cc: Service List

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